



Central AZ HIV Prevention Advocates



Full Group Meeting November 13, 2007
1366 E. Thomas Rd. Suite 108, Phoenix AZ
Meeting Minutes

Attendees: David Aguirre, Delono Ashley, Erica Ferguson, Bev Foust, Rocksann Harris, Scott Haverstock, Kelli Houston, Dennis Huff, Trudie Jackson, Ty Lopez, Diana Mitchell, Brandy Peterson, Josephine Sbrocca, Larry Stähli, Cathy Torrez- Paddock, David Torrez, Jason Vail Cruz

Excused Absences: Jack Addington, Lorraine Brown, Alisa Cusseaux, Brin Scott, Teisha Doyle-Shoudis, Todd Evans, Randall Furrow, Barr Jenkins, Mary Leasor, Victor Pawlak

Gecko Grapevine:

Dennis Huff presented the group with a brief description of what the group's purpose is and its role as an advisory body to the AZ Department of Health Services (ADHS) and the statewide planning group, the HIV Prevention Planning Group of AZ (PPGA).

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Members approved the Sept. 11, 2007 minutes with the correction of changing the TERROS phone number to (602) 685-6086.

The Membership Committee has a meeting scheduled for Mon. Dec. 3, 2007 from 11:30 AM- 1 PM at the Maricopa County Dept. of Public Health (4041 N. Central Ave.) in the 15th floor Prickly Pear conference room. The committee is working on presenting more member trainings and a member retreat for early 2008.

The group welcomed the following new members:

- Bradley Allen
- Gal Frenkel

Ryan White Planning Council Report:

Larry Stähli reported that the Council's application for the 2008-2009 grant year is in. The Education and Empowerment Committee is holding a Health Fair in early February. Anyone with an interest in helping to plan it is invited to the E & E committee meeting on Thurs. Nov. 15, 2007.

The next Planning Council meeting will be held Thurs. Nov. 15, 2007 from 5-6:30 PM at the Area Agency on Aging (1366 E. Thomas Rd) in the 1st floor conference room. All are welcome to attend. For more information contact Planning Council Support at (602) 506-5002.

Hepatitis C Coalition Report:


Bev Foust announced that November is Hepatitis C Awareness Month. The Coalition is search for more members.

The next Hepatitis C Coalition meeting will be on Fri. Dec. 7, 2007 from 11:30 AM- 1 PM at the Area Agency on Aging (1366 E Thomas Rd. Phoenix). For more information, go to <http://www.hepcaz.net>

Sisters Presentation:

Scott Haverstock and Erica Ferguson presented on the Missionary Order of the Grand Canyon Sisters. The group's mission is to "unite, elevate, and empower the GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender) community throughout Arizona." The Sisters support the GLBT community through education, fundraising, and entertainment. For more information go to www.azsisters.org

Announcements:

 Nov. 15, 2007 is the Great American Smoke Out. For more information go to www.cancer.org/docroot/subsite/greatamericans/Smokeout.asp

 Nov. 18 is Transgender Awareness Day.

Group Discussion:

The group discussed coordinating more with the Hepatitis C Coalition. Ideas discussed included:

- Partnering on activities such as HCV Awareness Month, World AIDS Day
- Possibly combining with Prevention Advocates meetings
- Member recruitment
- Capacity Building Assistance from CDC or SAMHSA
- Contact Fran Garrett to find Verda
- AZ Association of Community Health Centers

Members noted that they will continue to discuss this topic at the Jan. full group meeting. Bev will bring the Hep C agenda and mission statement to the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next full group meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2008 from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Area Agency on Aging at 1366 E. Thomas Rd, Phoenix in the 1st floor conference room. Please contact Mary for more information at (602) 506-6009.

Minutes taken by Erica Ferguson, Dennis Huff, and Larry Stähli and prepared by Mary Leasor, Central AZ HIV Prevention Advocates Coordinator.